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Geophysical Log Suite from Drill Hole No. 7A

Mariano Lake-Lake Valley Drilling Project, McKinley County,

New Mexico

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### INTRODUCTION

In the fall of 1980, the U.S. Geological Survey contracted with Longman Drilling Company of Albuquerque, New Mexico to rotary drill and core twelve holes along a north-south line from Mariano Lake to the vicinity of Lake Valley, New Mexico. This report incorporates the logs from drill hole no. 7A. Similar reports on Holes No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were released as U.S. Geological Survey (1981a-f).

The drilling project is funded under a reimbursable interagency agreement between the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The program was designed by representatives of the BIA, USGS, and the Minerals Department of the Navajo Tribe.

### **PURPOSE**

The principal objective of this project was to provide core samples and geophysical logs for petrologic, sedimentologic, geophysical, and geochemical studies of the Upper Jurassic Morrison Formation. Other objectives included the following: stratigraphic and coal studies of Upper Cretaceous rocks; hydrologic and water monitoring of well no. 2; control for a proposed seismic study of the same geogrpahic area; and development of water wells by the Navajo Tribal Water and Sanitation Department.

### GENERAL DRILLING PLAN

The locations of all twelve drill holes are shown on figure 1, which is a portion of the Gallup  $1^0 \times 2^0$  Quadrangle. The general plan called for most holes to be rotary drilled into the Upper Cretaceous Dakota Sandstone and then cored into or through the Recapture Member of the Morrison Formation. The interval to be cored in each hole was about 600 ft.

Exceptions to the general drilling were as follows: Hole No. 2, rotary drilled, surface to Jurassic Entrada Sandstone; Hole No. 4A, cored 21-218 feet, to test an observed near-surface I. P. anomaly; Hole No. 6, deepened after coring by rotary drilling into the Jurassic Entrada Sandstone; Hole No. 7A, cored only the Westwater Canyon Member of the Morrison Formation; Hole No. 8, abandoned in lower part of Westwater Canyon Member of the Morrison Formation; and Holes No. 9 and 10 abandoned in Upper Cretaceous rocks.

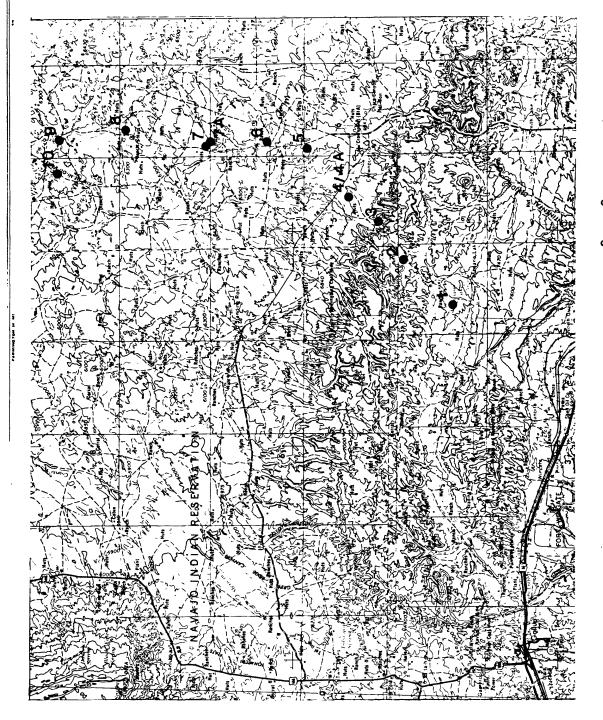


Figure 1. - Location of USGS Drill Holes, Gallup  $1^{0} \times 2^{0}$  Quadrangle.

### DRILL HOLE NO. S-7A

The location of this well is shown on figure 2.

The vital statistics on this well are:

Spud Date: March 9, 1981.

Location: T 19 N., R. 12 W., SE 1/4 sec. 31

Lat. 35<sup>0</sup>49'43", Long. 108<sup>0</sup>08'49"

Collar Elevation: 6515 ft. (topo) Menefee Formation

(Cretaceous)

Core Point Top: 2930 ft. (depth) Brushy Basin Member

Morrison Formation

(Jurassic)

Core Point Bottom: 3231 ft. (depth) Recapture (?) Shale

Member Morrison

Formation (Jurassic)

Total Depth: 3231 ft. (depth) Recapture (?) Shale

Member

Morrison Formation

(Jurassic)

Completion of well: Abandoned, April 1, 1981.

14 feet of 8 1/2 inch surface casing

The following suite of geophysical logs were run on this hole and accompany this report: natural gamma, self potential, resistance, neutron-neutron porosity, deviation, caliper, gamma-gamma density, magnetic susceptability, KUT, prompt fission neutron, and high resolution 4 arm digital dipmeter.

The self potential, resistance and resistivity logs are of poor quality due to a high-salt-based mud used to maximize hole stability and core

recovery. Salt concentrations at the time of logging was greater than 40,000 ppm and possibly as high as 80,000 ppm.

Thin coal beds were encountered at: 125, 135, 240, 360, 445, 451, 2754, 2764 and 2773 feet. Zones of uranium mineralization were encountered at: 3133-3139 and 3160-3169. Other gamma ray anomalies occur at: 2960, 2997, 3009 and 3111.

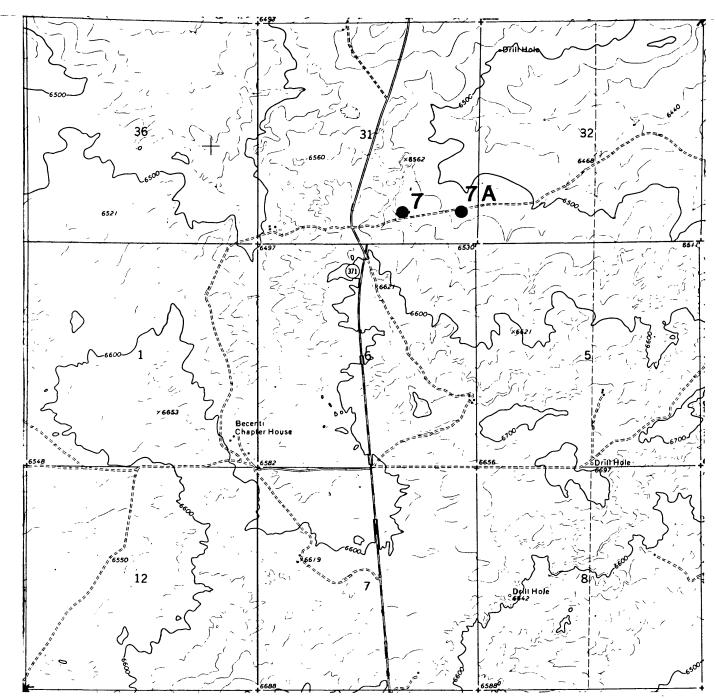
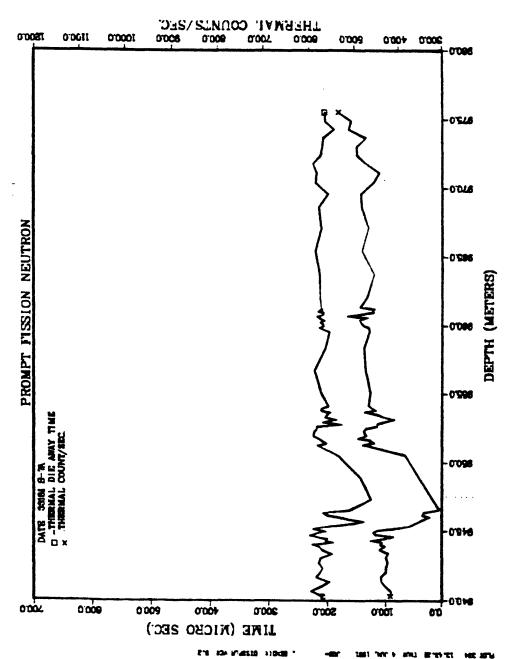


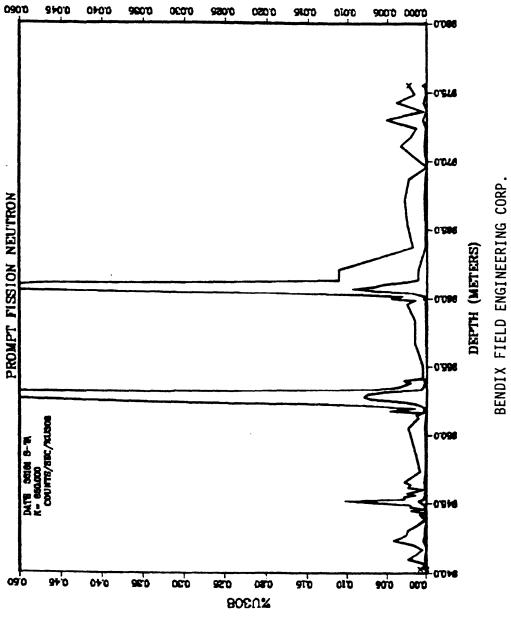
Figure 2.--Location of USGS Drill Hole No. 7A, Antelope Lookout Mesa 7 1/2' Quadrangle, T19N, R12W.

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